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SUBJECT: NEW ESPIONAGE TRIAL OPENED IN DUESSELDORF

1. A NEW ESPIONAGE TRIAL WAS OPENED ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1978
AT THE DUESSELDORF SUPREME COURT (OBERLANDESGERICHT). THE
CHIEF DEFENDANT IS DAGMAR KAHBIG-SCHEFFLER (31), FORMER
SECRETARY OF A SECTION HEAD IN THE OFFICE OF THE
FEDERAL CHANCELLOR, ARRESTED IN EARLY 1977. CO-DEFENDANTS
ARE THE GDR AGENTS GUDRUN AND PETER GOSLAR.

2. THE PROSECUTION IS CHARGING MRS. KAHBIG-SCHEFFLER WITH
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TREASON BY PASSING TO THE GDR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
WHICH IS APT TO SERIOUSLY DISTURB FRIENDLY RELATIONS
OF THE FRG WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. FOR THESE
ACTIVITIES THE DEFENDANT HAS ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED DM 40,000
(\$ 20,000) FROM THE END OF 1973 UNTIL HER ARREST. THE
GOSLARS, AS HER AGENT LEADERS, ARE CHARGED AS
ACCESSORIES TO TREASON.

3. MRS. KAHLIG-SCHEFFLER WAS HIRED AS AN AGENT FOR THE GDR MINISTRY OF STATE SECURITY (STASI) AFTER SHE HAD FALLEN IN LOVE WHILE VACATIONING IN BULGARIA WITH A GDR CITIZEN, WHO TURNED OUT TO BE A STASI OFFICER (IDENTIFIED AS MAJOR HERBERT SCHROETER), WHOM SHE MARRIED SUBSEQUENTLY.

4. MRS. KAHLIG-SCHEFFLER HAS MADE A FULL CONFESSION. NEVERTHELESS GERMAN LAW REQUIRES AN ELABORATE LAW SUIT DURING WHICH EVIDENCE WILL BE PRESENTED AND NUMEROUS WITNESSES AND EXPERTS ARE TO BE HEARD SO THAT THE TRIAL CAN BE EXPECTED TO TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS.DUX

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